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## Recorders are Rockin' at GES



PHOTO BY SHAYNA SKOLNIK

On Saturday, March 23, the Greenbelt Elementary Recorder Ensemble performed as a group and in various duets at the Prince George's County Public Schools Solo and Ensemble Festival, receiving a Superior rating for all their performances. They have been working hard, meeting once a week before school to rehearse with their dedicated music teacher, Kristen Morrison. From left: Rowan Kelly, Cecilia Hass, Anthony Harrod, Kristen Morrison, Gabby Opperman, Helen Sommers, Eleanor Skolnik and Aliya Skolnik-Ramirez.

## Math + Sunlight = Savings Solar Roof Powers Forward

by Cathie Meetre

Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy's Rays on the Roof campaign to install a solar roof on the iconic store has hit its stride, topping its initial goal of \$400,000. The pledges (which still have to turn into money in the bank – expect news on this soon) are approximately 19 percent in donations and the remainder in pledged investments that are repaid, with interest, on terms of 4 or 7 years at 3 percent interest, or 10 years at 3.25 percent.

### Math Facts

Bill Jones, resident mathematician and numerical alchemist, devised the underlying algorithm for the repayment scheme. It works best if the amount invested in each period is balanced because this, one is reliably informed by Jones, will be optimal for repayments. In the limit, as Jones so blithely remarks (sending shudders down the spine of Calculus 1 survivors), this method of repayment approaches

(another loaded math word) the outcome of the ordinary amortization tables so well-known to those unfortunately familiar with mortgages.

But the point here is that the current balance between terms could do with a little more in the seven-year pot, so new investors are encouraged to select the 7- or 10-year options.

### Keep On Truckin'

Having gained the lofty heights of \$400,000, why is the campaign not slowing down?

In a word, the Co-op is still confronted with an element of uncertainty. At this stage no one knows what the bond bill results will be. Co-op representatives have made the presentation to the legislature and the results will appear in due course – perhaps mid to late April. \$350k has been requested – but the result could be anything between that

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## GAIL's Nursery Project Now Revamped and Expanded

by Matthew Arbach

*Este artículo está disponible en español en nuestra página web [www.greenbeltnewsreview.com](http://www.greenbeltnewsreview.com).*

Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program (GAIL) has expanded its Diaper Baby Mobile Wellness Program, created in 2015, and has renamed it the Greenbelt Nursery Project. Acknowledging the need for further childcare items and parental training, the decision was made this year to revamp everything, said Katherine Farzin, bilingual community outreach coordinator for GAIL. "The goal is to improve the

health and well-being of children during the first three years of life by providing parents with infant and toddler essentials."

The new initiative combines a six-week pediatric wellness program for new and expecting parents, monthly wellness assessments, fresh produce and food items, as well as a wide variety of baby items, including diapers, wipes, toys, books, formula, baby food, hygiene products, car seats, pack and plays, baby carriers and strollers.

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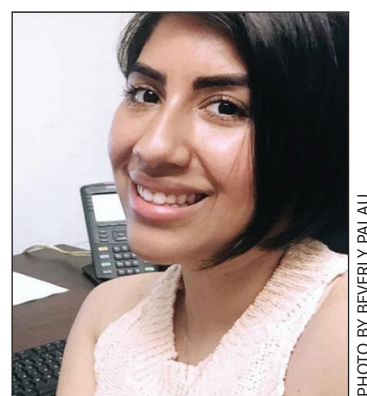


PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

Katherine Farzin, bilingual community outreach coordinator for the GAIL program

## Residents of Franklin Park Turn Food Scraps to Compost

by Hally Ahearn

On Saturday morning, March 23, a cheerful group of volunteers gathered by a large wooden station across the parking lot from the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Some came bearing buckets containing their household food scraps.

As the morning turned from cloudy to bright, these contributors, many of them families, prepared to drop their scraps into the station's first bin. The volunteers were ready to turn the compost and welcome two new volunteers to Greenbelt's first municipal project for recycling household food waste.

Lore Rosenthal unlocked the bin, jammed a long-stemmed thermometer into the center of the two-ton pile of layered food scraps and wood chips inside

and smiled. Despite the morning chill, the thermometer read 110°F. The compost pile is heated by microbes that raise the temperature as they consume its nutrients. In the layered first bin, this process had already begun.

Volunteers shoveled the contents of the first bin into the second bin, wetting them down in the process. The transfer uses the three-bin station to create compost from food scraps, wood chips and water.

Gathering shovels and pitchforks, Ian Morris, dubbed Iron Man for his prowess with a shovel, showed his cousins Kevin and Karina Morris how a transfer is done. Clouds of steam rose from the hot pile in bin 1 as shovelful fell into bin 2.

Debbie Bustin, Ian's mom,

added water to the pile as it grew in bin 2, moisturizing the microbes. "My son and I have been serious recyclers forever," Debbie said. "We participate in

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### What Goes On

**Monday, April 1**

**7:30 p.m.** Council Worksession: Windsor Green Community Center Renovation, Windsor Green Community Center

**Wednesday, April 3**

**7:30 p.m.** Council Budget Worksession: Misc.-Museum/Grants & Contributions/CARES, Springhill Lake Recreation Center



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

Vijay Parameshwaran finishes a Holi design in chalk. See story and more photos, page 16.

# Letters to the Editor

## Some Early Local Details Clarified

Spring is here and time to clear off my desk. Here’s a note to comment on “Greenbelt Mistory - How the Voice of a Woman . . . ” (Greenbelt News Review, December 20, 2018). Apparently, this piece was written under the heading of humor or sarcasm. That said, welcome were the accurate details on the various types of town homes built. Then the narrative drifts into subjects such as dinosaurs and the Loch Ness Monster. Huh?

The author, Lucely Stickler, notes that the town’s construction headquarters were located at the Lake. No, they sat in what is now the front lawn of the Community Center. Here is a rarely-seen view, in July of 1936, taken from atop a temporary water tower. Note the homes underway at Ridge and Southway. A busy area!

On a positive note, the photo of the Ashley’s, Greenbelt first family enjoying a meal, is superb. Many is the time this scene has been duplicated since 1937.

Mark Hanyok

tience and understanding; strength and determination; a peaceful stroll around the block; appreciation for nature, especially flowers and plants; poetry; honest – “tell it like it is”; bright, blue eyes and contagious smile; artistic expression; seasonal and holiday themed decorations; an open door.

I am happy to have known you, Miss Elaine.

Li'l Dan Celdran

## Pinsky Wrong On P-TECH Bill

Greenbelt’s very own State Senator Paul Pinsky (District 22), chair of the Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee, recently dismissed a bipartisan bill that would have funded and increased the number of technical and trades education programs in the state. Known as the Maryland Pathways in Technology Early College High School Program (P-TECH), this program is enthusiastically supported by Governor Larry Hogan and a majority of the House of Delegates. Kudos to our district House delegates, Alonzo Washington and Tawanna Gaines, who



PHOTO BY CARL MYDANS (LIBRARY OF CONGRESS)

Construction Headquarters with view of homes underway at Ridge and Southway

## Moving Tribute

Such a moving and loving obituary. I am sorry I didn’t know Elaine Jones. I am pleased to be acquainted with Corita.

Patricia Novinski

## Remembering Elaine Jones

In “Miss” Elaine’s presence, life showed up as: family love and pride; encouraging words; pa-

co-sponsored this program in the House under HB 440. This P-TECH program is needed as not all high school students are planning on pursuing an academic-oriented college experience. Indeed, many future jobs will need qualified candidates who have learned trade, construction and technical skills.

Pinsky dismissed taking up the bill in the Senate this year

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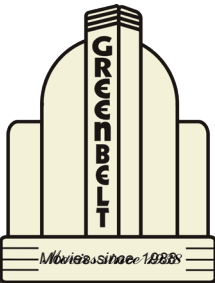
The article from March 14 about the graduate student Tricia Glaser seeking information on Greenbelt’s African American history had the wrong email address. Her email is pglaser7@umd.edu

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March 22nd - March 28th

**TRANSIT (R)** (German w/English subtitles)  
(2019) (102 mins)  
Fri. 2:30, 7:30PM  
Sat. 2:30, 5:00 PM  
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Mon. 5:00 PM  
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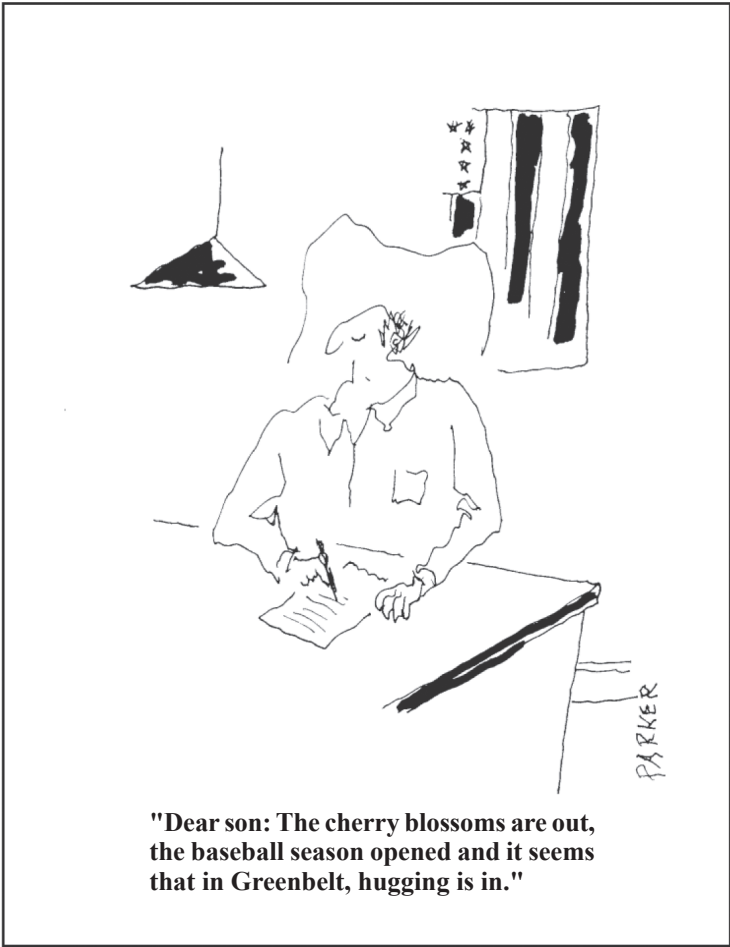
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(2019) (R) (102 mins)  
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Wed. 5:00 PM  
Thurs. 2:30 PM

**MIRAI (PG)** (2018)  
(100 mins)  
Sat. 11:00 AM

**THE WOMEN (NR)** (1939)  
(133 mins)  
Mon. 1:00 PM - FREE

**FINDING THE LINE (NR)**  
(2018) (58 mins)  
in partnership with SheJumps  
Thurs. 8:00 PM – FREE

## The Old Curmudgeon



"Dear son: The cherry blossoms are out, the baseball season opened and it seems that in Greenbelt, hugging is in."

I. J. PARKER ©2003

- Original Izzy Parker cartoon drawing with revised caption, News Review, April 3, 2003

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## On Screen

## Gloria Bell Remains, Transit Begins Its Run

Two great movies play at Old Greenbelt Theatre in the coming week. Well-received Gloria Bell, starring Julianne Moore, continues through the week, interspersed with showings of Transit.

In Transit, past and present are a terrifying blur in this brilliant allegory about loss, trauma, statelessness and historical amnesia. Transit is the latest from the German director Christian Petzold. The film opens in France, where the wail of police sirens is a constant background drone and civilians are routinely rounded up by heavily armed police officers. One of the doomed souls on the run is Georg (Franz Rogowski) – an everyman straight out of a Kafka story. The film uses the occasion of Georg’s fraught journey to depict his state of being, the anxious limbo in which he finds himself trapped. Petzold walks the tricky tightrope of being both timeless and timely. The performances of Rogowski and his love interest Marie (Paula Beer) are chillingly good and the ambiguous final shot is near perfect. In Transit, the past is prologue ... and it’s devastating.

R, running time 1 hour 41 minutes. In German and French, with English subtitles.

- Judy Bell

# Community Events

## Astronomical Movies Thursday Evening

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will meet on Thursday, March 28, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 114 of the Community Center. Anwar Al-Mallah will be showing a selection of favorite astronomy videos.

## GVFD Open House To Recruit Volunteers

Join Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department on Saturday, April 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the Volunteer Recruitment Open House. Learn how to make a difference in the community by becoming a volunteer firefighter, EMT or administrative member of the team. Come to this open house to learn more about the fire service and local volunteers. There will be live demonstrations and hands-on stations throughout the day. Visit the GVFD Facebook page, facebook.com/engine35, for a schedule and updated details about the event. All are welcome to come by the firehouse to see what GVFD does and if they would like to be a part of it. Questions about the event can be sent to recruitment@engine35.com.

## Compost Food Scraps

Join the Hot Composting Project and compost household food scraps at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center hot compost system. Training sessions for new volunteers will be held on Saturday, March 30 and Saturday, April 27. Apply to participate by picking up a paper application at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center or the Community Center, or request an electronic copy at greenbeltneighborhoodcompost@gmail.com.

## Center for Dynamic Governance

Join the Center for Dynamic Community Governance on Saturday, April 13 for the first of three free drop-in trainings, including group training sessions on meeting facilitation; consent-based decision-making; conflict resolution and transparent communication; one-on-one professional, customized analysis of community group or business processes and operations, including workflow design and volunteer management; and a month of no-cost follow-up coaching.

The first session will be held at the Community Center, Rooms 112 and 114, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Drop in for any part of the day. No pre-registration is required and children are welcome.

For more information, contact Aileen@dynamic-governance.org.

## Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will meet on Wednesday, April 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of Greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent Roads. The group offers professionals, students, stay-at-home parents and retirees a supportive environment to improve skills in communication and leadership. For more information call 240-542-8625.

## Golden Age Club

by Mary Moien

On March 13, representatives from The Washington Home & Community Hospices shared valuable information about their hospice services by presenting Living Our Lives Like They're Golden. Presenters included Marketing Manager Sherrel Williams-Maison, Bereavement Counselor Margaret Capurso and Volunteer Coordinator Natii Wright. Topics covered included hospice eligibility, hospice services, advance directives and bereavement services.

Eligibility for hospice usually means a person has a terminal diagnosis with a prognosis of six months or less and a desire for no aggressive treatments at the end of life. The goal is to keep a person as happy and pain free as possible by providing support for the patient and the family.

Hospice services can be provided in a person's home or a hospital. The need for an advance directive was emphasized so that it is clear what type of final care a patient desires. The Washington Home provides free grief counseling to community members, including in Greenbelt. They are always looking for volunteers either in a patient's home or in the hospice's offices. More information can be found at thewashingtonhome.org.

### Meetings for April

Meetings are held each Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Community Center. New members and guests are always welcome. If schools are closed or open late due to weather, the meeting is not held.

The Golden Age annual luncheon is being held on Wednesday, April 17 at the Holiday Inn in College Park. Contact Joan Baker at joan\_baker@verizon.net to purchase a ticket.

April 3: Business meeting  
April 10: Special meeting  
April 17: Annual Luncheon at Holiday Inn (with entertainment)  
April 24: Bingo

## GHI Notes

Wednesday, April 3, 7 p.m., Addition Maintenance Program Task Force, Board Room

Thursday, April 4, 10 a.m., Storm Water Management Task Force, Board Room; 7:45 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room

Friday, April 5, office closed. Emergency maintenance service available at 301-474-6011.

Monday, April 8, 7 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation, Board Room

Tuesday, April 9, 7 p.m., Legislative and Government Affairs Committee, Board Room

Wednesday, April 10, 7 p.m., Member Outreach Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby;

7:30 p.m., Architectural Review Committee Meeting, Board Room

Thursday, April 11, 7 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting, Board Room



## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208 ext. 4215.

All meals, which provide at least one-third of Recommended Dietary Allowances for older adults, include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of April 1 are as follows:

Monday, April 1: pineapple chicken, confetti rice, garden vegetables, wheat bread, mandarin oranges, apple juice

Tuesday, April 2: meatloaf with gravy, whipped potatoes, mixed vegetables, wheat bread, fresh fruit, cranberry juice

Wednesday, April 3: navy bean soup, Parmesan chicken breast, garlic rotini, green peas, Italian bread, pineapple tidbits, orange juice

Thursday, April 4: beef hot dog, sauerkraut, ranch beans, wheat hot dog bun, fresh fruit, cranberry juice

Friday, April 5: veggie burger, macaroni and cheese, glazed baby carrots, wheat hamburger bun, diced pears, orange juice

## Arts Advisory Board Meets on April 2

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, April 2 at 7 p.m. in the Community Center. Topics include an overview of the State of Maryland's Arts and Entertainment District program and planning for the board's next community arts mixer. For additional information or to RSVP, contact Nicole DeWald, staff liaison, at ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov.

More Community Events  
are located throughout  
the paper.



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June 1 - *Cabaret Night* – produced by Jeff Lesniak

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## At the Library

Teen Advisory Board: Poetry Month Workshop. Monday, April 1, 4 p.m., ages 13 to 18, limit 15 participants. Earn service hours while making the local library a great place for teens. Enjoy snacks, meet new people, become a leader. Registration required; contact the branch either in person or by calling 301-345-5800.

English Conversation Club. Tuesday, April 2, 6 p.m. Learning to speak English? Join the club and practice speaking English in a friendly atmosphere with people from diverse backgrounds.

Ready 2 Read Storytimes. Tuesday, April 2, ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m., limit 30 people. Wednesday, April 3, ages newborn to 2, 10:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m., limit 30 people. Thursday, April 4, ages newborn to 2, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s).

Kids Achieve Club. Wednesday, April 3, 4:30 p.m. Mentoring, reading and homework help for students in grades 1 to 6.

## Star Party Saturday

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, free and open to the public, on Saturday, March 30, at the City Observatory, located at Northway Fields. Mars is still visible in the western sky. Attendees can also expect to see deep sky objects such as galaxies, nebulae and star clusters currently high in the sky, viewed through the observatory telescope and astronomical camera. As always, visitors are welcome to set up their own telescopes on the hill.

Observing will begin at around 8:30 p.m. and continue for two hours. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.



## GCF Grant Writing

The Greenbelt Community Foundation (GCF) will offer a free grant-writing workshop on Wednesday, April 3 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. This workshop is open to all local organizations and cooperatives interested in applying for a grant from the foundation.

The workshop will use the GCF application form as its basis and focus on writing a successful application. Participants should bring a copy of the grant application, available at greenbeltfoundation.org and ideas for a project or project description.


GCF has been supporting projects connected with all Greenbelt neighborhoods since 2006. It has given out over \$225,000 in grants ranging from \$500 to \$5,000. The spring application deadline is April 15.

More information is available on the website. To register for the event, contact info@greenbeltfoundation.org.

## Thoughtful Discussion Not at MakerSpace

Is less better? Do we savor the rare few (or one) rather than the overwhelming many? Is the time taken in pursuit of more things better spent on more experiences? Should the discussion group strive for less off-topic discussion and more cheerful banter? Less talk, more insight?

On Tuesday, April 2, the weekly thoughtful discussion group that has been meeting at the MakerSpace will move its gathering to the Community Center. See the whiteboard by the Welcome Desk for the room number.



**Program Schedule**  
**Friday Mar 29 - Thursday Apr 4**

<b>7 am</b>	Greenbelt News Reel
<b>8 am</b>	Democracy Now!
<b>9 am</b>	Classic Film: <i>Pygmalion</i> (1938)
<b>11 am</b>	Democracy Now!
<b>12 pm</b>	Greenbelt News Reel
<b>1 pm</b>	Strata (Archaeology)
<b>2 pm</b>	Democracy Now!
<b>3 pm</b>	Classic Film: <i>Pygmalion</i> (1938)
<b>5 pm</b>	Strata (Archaeology)
<b>6 pm</b>	Greenbelt News Reel
<b>7 pm</b>	Democracy Now!
<b>8 pm</b>	Classic Film: <i>Pygmalion</i> (1938)
<b>10 pm</b>	Democracy Now!
<b>11 pm</b>	Greenbelt News Reel

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# Obituaries

## Betty Orbison Bailey



PHOTO BY ELLEN NOLL

### Betty Orbison Bailey

On Sunday, March 24, 2019, Betty Jean Orbison Bailey died at the age of 90. She was born on August 19, 1928, in Parkin, Ark., to Wallace and Lettie Fay (Ellis) Orbison. She graduated from Memphis State University in Memphis, Tenn. She retired from the federal government as a computer programmer for the Office of Personnel Management in the Pentagon. Later in life, she earned a master's degree in philosophy from Arkansas State University. She was married to Robert Eugene Bailey for 50 years. They lived in Cherry Valley, Ark., after their retirement until Robert's death.

Mrs. Bailey was one of the early pioneers in the sport of dog agility. She trained and bred hunting dogs while she lived in Arkansas. In recent years, she could be seen volunteering for Cookies at the Bridge in Greenbelt, accompanied by her most recent dog Barney. She loved knitting, bird watching and a good Western. Her life was marked by her scrupulous honesty, her gentle kindness and her abiding faith.

Mrs. Bailey was preceded in death by husband Robert and daughter Patricia Lee Polk. She is survived by her son Robert Eugene Bailey, Jr. of Coronado, Calif., daughter Rev. Fay Lundin (Erik), pastor of College Park United Methodist Church and Mowatt Memorial UMC in Greenbelt, and grandson Timothy Lundin (Tiffany) of Alexandria, Va.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 30 at 11 a.m. at Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, 40 Ridge Road.

## George Daffan III

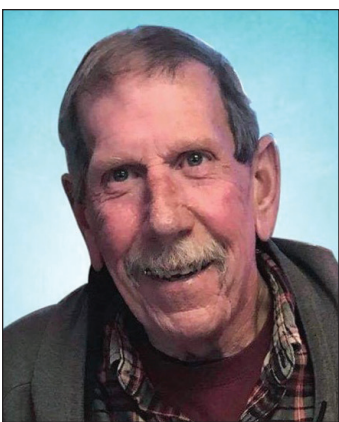


PHOTO COURTESY OF THE FAMILY

### George Daffan

George Carmichael Daffan III, a longtime Greenbelt resident, died on Monday, March 25, 2019. He is survived by children Kelly Daffan Ernest, George Daffan IV and Taylor Daffan; five grandchildren, Farrah Bass, Kerri Ernest, Delaney Daffan, Makenzie Daffan and Brooklyn Sheahin; and his lifelong best friend, Lisa Daffan. His son Vincent Daffan predeceased him.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department on Saturday, March 30 from noon to 3 p.m.



# Letters continued

as he stated he wanted to study more data for a few years. So our Prince George's County students will have to wait a few more years before they can benefit from the expansion of this much needed program. Future technology, engineering, transportation and infrastructure projects will need trained and skilled workers; careers that will pay as much or more than many so-called white collar government, professional and corporate jobs. The senator would rather resist the governor than support alternative education programs and training for our youth.

The senator did find time, however, to champion a "fluff" bill to rename the University of Maryland University College to become the University Maryland Global Campus. So let's give him credit for being the liberal, politically correct politician, all the while putting on hold some of our state's high school students' future who wish to follow a technology and trades oriented education. Senator Paul Pinsky: wrong on technical education (P-TECH).  
*Robert Snyder*



Condolences to the family and friends of Betty Orbison Bailey who died on March 24.

Condolences also to the family and friends of longtime Greenbelt George Daffan who died on March 25.

Share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.



## Synagogue Annual Vintage Jewelry Sale

The vintage and costume jewelry sale of Mishkan Torah is scheduled for Sunday, April 7 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This will be a good time to find personal treasures or Mother's Day gifts. Children can find something for mom and crafters can find objects to make into something unique. As in the past, prices will begin at less than a dollar, so there will be something there for everybody's budget. There will be a minor jewelry repair station and a selection of quality handbags. Miskan Torah Synagogue is located at 10 Ridge Road at the corner with Westway.



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Spring buds bloom in Greenbelt.



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Betty and her dog Barney

## Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.



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Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

### Make a Marionette At Artful Afternoon

The Greenbelt Recreation Arts Program welcomes visitors of all ages to a free Artful Afternoon on Sunday, April 7 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Community Center.

Artist-in-residence Larry Anderson will lead a free workshop where participants make a simple wooden marionette. Participants may start at 1 or 2 p.m. and the workshop ends at 3 p.m. Reservations are recommended to ensure a seat; follow the link at [greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://greenbeltmd.gov/arts) to sign up online. Participants will also be admitted on a walk-up basis while seats and supplies last.

At 3 p.m. enjoy a free shadow puppet performance of The Magic Tree by Karagoz Theatre Company, which is based in Washington, D.C. The show will be performed by company founder Ayhan Hulagu, who learned the art of puppetry in his native Turkey. This performance tradition, which features colorful puppets made of animal hide, is recognized by the United Nations as a valued form of intangible cultural heritage.

Enjoy a variety of additional activities throughout the afternoon. See a new art gallery installation by Leslie Shellow featuring works on paper inspired by natural processes of growth, decay and regeneration. Meet the Community Center’s artists in residence at an open house and sale from 1 to 4 p.m. Find beautiful and affordable paintings, prints, ceramics, fiber arts, funky jewelry, assemblages and more.

See the Greenbelt Museum’s current exhibit at the Community Center, The Knowing Hands that Carve This Stone: The New Deal Art of Lenore Thomas Straus. Straus is best known locally as the creator of the Mother and Child statue in Roosevelt Center and the bas reliefs on the façade of the Community Center. From 1 to 5 p.m. enjoy a guided tour of the museum’s historic house across the street at 10-B Crescent Road for a small admission fee. For more information about City of Greenbelt art programs, visit [greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://greenbeltmd.gov/arts) or call 301-397-2208. Arts programs are sponsored in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.



A simple marionette by Larry Anderson

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# City Information & Events

### MEETINGS FOR MARCH 30-APRIL 5

Saturday, March 30 from 1-5pm, **GRANT REVIEW PANEL** at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Rm 114. *The Grant Review Panel recommends funding awards for the City’s Recognition Groups. The panel’s recommendations will be subject to approval by the Greenbelt City Council as part of the fiscal year 2020 municipal budget.*

Monday, April 1 at 7:30pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Windsor Green Community Center Renovation** at Windsor Green Community Center, 7474 Frankfort Drive.

Tuesday, April 2 at 7:00pm, **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Vagrancy, Emergency Siren Referral (June 8, 2016), Cellular Connectivity Project, Narcan Training, Vaping in Public Areas CERT & CART Updates (if available)*

Tuesday, April 2 at 7:00pm, **ARTS ADVISORY BOARD** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 112. *On the Agenda: Overview of the State of Maryland’s Arts and Entertainment District program, and Planning for the next Arts Advisory Board community arts mixer*

Wednesday, April 3 at 7:30pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD** at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 114. *On the Agenda: Pedestrian and Bicycle Subcommittee Update, Bicycle Parking Locations, Draft Complete and Green Streets Policy, Traffic Calming along Ridge Road*

Wednesday, April 3 at 7:30pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION re: Misc.-Museum/Grants & Contributions and Greenbelt CARES** at Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane.

*The schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.*

### VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Board of Elections, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, and Youth Advisory Committee. Info: 301-474-8000



Join us on:  
**Saturday, March 30,  
10:00am-1:00pm**  
Across from the SUNOCO Gas Station, 56 Crescent Rd

Celebrate Arbor Day by helping Public Works staff plant trees to beautify the landscape and provide habitat for local wildlife. The event will be held on City property located on Crescent Road across the street from the SUNOCO gas station.

For more information contact Jason Martin, 240-542-2168, [jmartin@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:jmartin@greenbeltmd.gov).

*Reminders: Wear weather appropriate clothes and closed-toed shoes, bring your reusable water bottle, and high school students please remember to bring your service-learning forms*

## TRIATHLON TRAINING FOR BEGINNERS



**Challenge Yourself in 2019: Do a Triathlon!!**  
This is a series of classes to get you ready for your first triathlon. Come prepared with questions you would like/need to know for the race. The classes will include workouts for swimming, biking, running, and strength training. There will be additional information on how to set up your transition area properly and race day preparation. The first class we will look at typical training plans for triathlons and answer any questions you may have. Second class will be in the pool to work on sighting and endurance. The third class will be bike training and transitions to running. The fourth class will be strength training in the gym. The fifth class will help you with running a strong finish. The last class will cover how to set up your transition area and how to prepare for race day.

**Instructor:** Annacherie Thompson  
**What:** Triathlon Classes (#284203)  
**When:** April 1- May 13 (No Class 4/22) Monday’s 7:30pm - 8:30pm  
**Where:** Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness 101 Centerway Greenbelt, MD  
**Cost:** PH: \$35, RNPH: \$40, NRNPH: \$45

## FAST BREAK BASKETBALL CLINIC AGES 8-14

Session #  
236401-1

Springhill Lake Recreation Center  
6101 Cherrywood Lane

DATES: April 15 - April 19  
TIME: 9:00am-12:00pm  
FEES: R: \$50, NR: \$60  
INSTRUCTOR: Brian Butler

Spend your spring break improving your basketball skills through this clinic. Registration fee will include a Springhill Lake Recreation Center membership card that will allow each participant to remain beyond the hours of the basketball clinic under the supervision of Greenbelt Recreation staff. Campers are responsible for providing their own lunch and drink each day, except Friday when lunch will be provided.

Please contact Brian Butler or Frank Jones at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 301-397-2212 for more information or visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation)

## 2019 SPRING CAMP

Ages 5-12

Session: 236501-1  
Monday, April 15 - Friday, April 19  
Greenbelt Youth Center (99 Centerway)  
8:45am-3:30pm  
R: \$204, NR: \$235

Spring Break is right around the corner! We’ll keep your kid’s break action packed with a combination of events both at the Youth Center and off premises. All campers must be in kindergarten through sixth grade and are responsible for providing their own non-perishable lunch and drink.

Please visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation) or call 301-397-2200 or for more information

## GREENBELT PET EXPO 2019

If you own a pet based business, sign up now for Greenbelt’s Pet Expo!

**Saturday, June 1 from 10am-2pm.**  
To register to participate, download application at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/petexpoapp](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/petexpoapp)

**BECAUSE SPRING!** The Pedestrian & Bicycle Task Force seeks members to join in its efforts to provide input and support regarding bicycling and pedestrian issues in Greenbelt. The task force meets once a month in the Community Center.

**Next meeting is Thursday, April 11.**  
Contact John Campanile, [jbelttower@yahoo.com](mailto:jbelttower@yahoo.com), with any questions or safety issues you’d like to see addressed.

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the Hot Composting Project as a cool way to recycle our food scraps. At the end of the process, we get finished compost to use on our flowers and herb garden.”

Vince Wilding stepped forward for his turn to shovel. “The work days are fun,” he said. “And this is a faster way to compost than in our backyard. We don’t generate that much food waste.”

Volunteers from the 25 or so participating households have already processed close to 5,000 pounds of food scraps from their households and the New Deal Café since March 2018. Families who join the project are trained in the how-tos and simple science for hot composting. Cold composting, the method used by most backyard composters, is a much slower process.

Members contribute food scraps, help to run the hot compost system and take home valuable finished compost. Excess finished compost is distributed to Greenbelt gardeners, with priority given to those who are low income residents who combat food insecurity by growing their own food.

Why compost?

Nationally, 21 percent of trash trucked to landfills is made up of food waste. As Wilding noted, “The city benefits from the composting project by not having to have trash pickup for the amount of food waste we have turned into compost. The less people just throw away, the more money the city will save.”

In addition to the financial savings, composting food waste is a vital response to climate change. Compressed in a landfill, food scraps decompose in the absence of oxygen and release methane, a potent greenhouse gas. The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that emissions from landfills are the third largest source of methane emissions in the U.S.

When correctly composted, in the presence of oxygen and moisture in the hot composting system, food scraps are transformed into a crumbly, earth-scented organic material called humus. Adding humus to lawn and garden soil makes grass, flowers, shrubs, vegetables and trees healthier and more resilient. This resiliency comes from the ability of humus to store nutrients, water and beneficial microbes in the soil. Overall, it results in healthier lawns and gardens, reduces the need for watering and helps to clean the waterways.

The hot compost project is sponsored by Greenbelt’s Zero Waste Circle, in collaboration with the Public Works Department who provide wood chips and who built and carefully maintain the hot compost station.

*Hally Ahearn is a member of Greenbelt Zero Waste Circle (a subgroup of GreenACES, the environmental advisory group to the city council).*

Greenbelt Park Seeks Volunteers

Greenbelt Park has many upcoming volunteer and stewardship opportunities.

On Saturday, April 6, the park will host the Potomac Watershed Cleanup. Participants meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area at 8:45 a.m. The park will provide gloves and bags. Pre-registration is required. Go to [nps.gov/gree](https://nps.gov/gree) and hit the link Potomac Watershed cleanup or visit [eventbrite.com/e/2019-potomac-watershed-cleanup-at-greenbelt-park-registration-56644570435](https://eventbrite.com/e/2019-potomac-watershed-cleanup-at-greenbelt-park-registration-56644570435).

Also on Saturday, April 6 will be Invasive Plant Removal, for which participants meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area at 11 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month. Call 301-344-3944 and sign up so the park has a good estimate of volunteers.

Later in April, the first Greenbelt Park Volunteer Trail Crew Day will occur on Saturday, April 27 from 8:45 a.m. until noon. Participants meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area and disperse to different areas of the park to help with a variety of projects from trail maintenance and campground cleanup to invasive plant removal. A sign-up link for the general public will be on the website soon. The park is working with the Student Conservation Association Volunteer Day for the April 27 event. Students can sign up through SCA via an Event Brite link, [earthdaygreenbeltpark.eventbrite.com](https://earthdaygreenbeltpark.eventbrite.com).

For all events, wear proper clothes and shoes for working on the trails. Have fun in the outdoors and help make a difference for the nine miles of Greenbelt Park trail system.



Wildlife Refuge Has Spring Festival

The Patuxent Research Refuge will hold its annual Spring Festival on Saturday, March 30 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This free event is suitable for all ages; no registration is required.

The theme for the festival, celebrating the beginning of spring, is Our Forest Friends. The refuge will share ways to help wildlife through crafts, games, educational activities and more. Activities include puppet shows, nature songs with Stina, beginner archery, Rodney’s Raptors, a diving duck tank, live reptiles, story time and kids crafts.



Scholarship Pageant Seeks Contestants

The 28th Annual Miss College Park Scholarship Pageant, which will be held on Sunday, April 28, is seeking contestants. Contestants must live, work or attend school in Prince George’s or a surrounding county and are judged in personal interview, on-stage question, casual wear and evening gown. The winner will make appearances on behalf of College Park and the surrounding areas and will mentor children. The winner will receive a \$2,000 cash scholarship to attend the college of her choice. Cash scholarships will also be awarded in such categories as Community Service, Top Scholar and Poise and Elegance in Gown. Register online at [misscollegepark.com](https://misscollegepark.com) or call 240-421-1187 for more information.

Callery (Bradford) Pears: How This Beauty Became a Beast

by Jason Martin



AGING CALLERY (BRADFORD) PEAR TREES

Aging Callery pear trees

Greenbelt is a unique place to live for many reasons, one being the tree canopy that covers 62 percent of the city. These trees provide numerous aesthetic and environmental benefits that give residents a sense of place, comfort and safety. A large part of this urban tree canopy are street trees maintained by the city Department of Public Works.

Recently, the city approved the Greenbelt Urban Forest Master Plan (available at [greenbeltmd.gov/public\\_works](https://greenbeltmd.gov/public_works)), which states that 28 percent of Greenbelt’s street trees are Callery (Bradford) pears. It is the dominant tree on many municipal streets and in many residents’ yards. Unfortunately, behind the beauty of spring flowers, summer shade and fall foliage that this popular tree provides, is a beast that spreads ecological degradation and becomes a public safety hazard.

In 1908, it was discovered that the Callery pear was resistant to fire-blight, a bacterial disease devastating agricultural pears in the United States. Because of this, the Callery pear was used as a rootstock for agricultural pears to create a fire-blight resistant crop. Seed that was collected as part of an expedition to China in 1916 ended up in nearby Glenn Dale. It wasn’t until the 1950s that John L. Creech, a horticulturalist at Glenn Dale, noticed a specimen that stood out from the rest of the Callery pears grown at that location. He selected this specimen for mass production, naming it Bradford. After a successful trial planting was conducted in University Park in 1954, Creech released cuttings of the Bradford Pear to the nursery trade in 1960. It was an aesthetically pleasing tree that was propagated in large numbers and planted in many yards and towns across the country from 1960 into the 1990s.

Since the 1990s, the Bradford Pear’s less appealing qualities have come to light. The Bradford Pear is sterile and does not produce fruit as long as it does not cross-pollinate with another Callery pear cultivar. But professional nurseries have created numerous other cultivars of the Callery pear that are commonly used in the urban and suburban landscape. Cross-pollination is inevitable and has resulted in Callery pear cultivars producing viable fruit. Birds and other wildlife eat this fruit and spread the seeds across the landscape where they grow to form dense, impenetrable stands of this prolific plant that crowd out native plants. Callery pears

are a particular problem in open meadow areas and forest edges, causing it to be designated as an invasive plant species in Maryland.

The Callery pear is not only an ecological concern, but it has also become a public safety concern. The wide canopy of the Callery pear is due to the profuse growth of its limbs, which join

the main trunk at a V-shape. This creates a weak joint that starts to give way as the limb grows larger and heavier, or as snow and ice collect on the limbs during winter storms. The result is large heavy limbs spontaneously breaking and falling on parked cars and potentially pedestrians.

*Jason Martin is the city environmental coordinator.*



The Bradford Pears on Hanover Parkway are about to burst into full bloom.

Send us your photos!

The News Review would like to print more photos of Greenbelt landmarks, activities and the changing seasons. Photos should be at least 300 dpi, and must include the name of the photographer and a caption. The caption must name any identifiable people in the photo, as well as explain the picture. Send us no more than five photos at a time.

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# Council: Tree Cutting, Pool Upkeep, Low Voltage Licenses

by Gary Childs

Is the Public Works Department cutting too many trees along Lakecrest Drive? How might legislation being proposed in Annapolis make music festivals and other events such as the Labor Day Festival more expensive? The Greenbelt City Council discussed these and other issues at its March 11 meeting.

## Trees

Councilmember Colin Byrd requested that council discuss the trees on Lakecrest Drive because a Greenbelt resident had expressed concern to him that it seemed as though all the trees in that location were being cut down. Byrd wanted Public Works to reconsider its tree-cutting activities and look at other options such as cutting fewer trees and planting initially larger new trees in places where the old trees absolutely needed to be cut.

Greenbelt Director of Public Works James Sterling attended the meeting in order to discuss the issue with council. Sterling explained that the trees being cut were mostly Callery (Bradford) pears which at one time, several decades ago, were a very popular tree for municipalities to plant because of their full and attractive white blossoms in spring and the colorful leaves in the fall. Since their introduction, many negative aspects of the tree have become apparent such as the tendency of larger branches, due to their growth habit, to break off and cause, or risk, property damage or personal injury. Also, Bradford pear trees have a strong tendency to spread and grow in places where they are not wanted. (See article, page 6.) Councilmember Silke Pope raised the issue about trees growing into powerlines. Sterling said that the new trees are bred to grow smaller and won't reach the same height. Councilmember Leta Mach commented that sometimes trees need to be cut because a thick canopy of tree foliage can make a public sidewalk dark and insecure-feeling for pedestrians. Councilmember Edward Putens said that the entire process is tied to Greenbelt's Tree Master Plan. Sterling agreed and said that he should make an effort to advertise the Master Plan so that Greenbelt residents can see Public Works' long-term intentions and goals. Sterling said that the trees on Lakecrest, as well as in other parts of Greenbelt have been a long-running issue. Sterling also said that half of the Bradford pears in Greenbelt have been bolted together in an attempt to mitigate property damage and personal injury. Those trees, and others, will eventually need to be taken down.

## Legislative Issues

Council also discussed a number of state legislative issues being considered in Annapolis. From time to time council considers county, state and sometimes federal legislation and communicates its position to the Maryland Municipal League that represents municipalities in Maryland. For example, council voted its opposition to senate bill SB478/house bill HB1317 that deals with vehicle property tax. Under current law, vehicles that are part of a car dealership's in-



Trees and powerlines on Lakecrest Drive

ventory receive a 50 percent tax credit, but this proposed legislation would increase the personal property tax credit for vehicles to 100 percent. It would also grant this credit retroactively to July 1, 2016. If passed, the legislation would require Greenbelt to refund an estimated \$285,000 for Fiscal Year 2017 to Fiscal Year 2019 plus cause an additional yearly expense of \$95,000. Council also looked at HB560, sponsored by Delegate Anne Healey, which would establish statewide standards for traffic calming devices. Council voted to support passage of this bill.

Another bill being considered, HB905, received lively and vigorous opposition from several Greenbelt residents who attended the meeting. The bill would establish a low voltage electrician license and education requirements for these electricians. A low voltage electrician would handle the sorts of wiring done for sound systems such as are used in musical performances. Frank Kruger, representing the Friends of the New Deal Café, and other Greenbelt residents said that if passed, the cost of hiring specially trained and licensed low voltage electricians would cause costs of music performances and festivals to sky-rocket to the point of being prohibitive. Kruger said that the connecting of microphones, done now by volunteers with experience and knowledge of such wiring, would have to be done by these specialized electricians that this proposed bill would establish. Council voted to oppose the bill, but councilmembers asked for more information about the proposal.

## Pool Maintenance

Joe McNeal, assistant director of facilities for Greenbelt Recreation, explained the proposed maintenance for the outdoor zero-depth beach entrance pool at the Aquatic & Fitness Center. McNeal said that a new white coat, a plaster-like material, needs to be spread on the exposed surface (that part that comes in contact with the water). This white coat typically lasts eight to 10 years and the time has come for the pool to receive this treatment, last done in 2011. McNeal said that of the four bids received for the work to be done, the lowest was provided by Wilcoxon Construction Incorporated (WCI) for \$57,945. In its FY 2019 budget the city budgeted \$54,600 in the Capital Projects Fund for this purpose and though the budgeted

amount is \$3,345 less than the budget, the Capital Projects Fund has extra funds to make up the difference.

In the past, the city has made use of WCI many times for white coat work at both the indoor and the outdoor pool and is familiar with their level of workmanship, professionalism and customer service. McNeal said that the city hopes the work will be completed by May 10 to allow time for inspection and approval of the work prior to opening the outdoor pool on Memorial Day weekend. Pope asked McNeal if a particular lifeguard chair will be replaced and he said it would. When Mayor Emmett Jordan asked if other improvements were being planned, McNeal said that the budget allowed only for the white coat pool project.

## Greenbelt Library Accepts Passports

The Greenbelt Branch Library now serves as a U.S. Passport Acceptance Facility. Customers may bring their completed DS-11 Passport Application along with any required documentation, such as a government-issued photo ID and proof of citizenship, plus necessary fee payments to the library for processing by library staff. Passport acceptance service hours are Monday and Tuesday, 1:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday through Friday, noon to 4 p.m.; and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Passport acceptance service is offered first come, first served; no appointments are taken. There may be a wait during peak times such as Saturdays. Staff may not have time to process all applications.

Those planning to travel within two weeks must apply for a passport in person at a U.S. Passport Agency or Center. Expedited fees apply. Those closest to Prince George's County are located in Washington and Philadelphia. Appointments must be made in advance by calling 877-487-2778.



**Yard Sale**  
Greenbelt Makerspace  
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125 Centerway  
[www.make125.org](http://www.make125.org)



Spring crocuses bloom amid fallen leaves.

PHOTO BY ALDEN JURLING


## Smoking Cessation Workshop at Doctors

A free eight-week smoking cessation program is offered in April at Doctors Community Hospital, 8100 Good Luck Road, North Building, 4th Floor, Lanham. Doctors Community Hospital's Freedom from Smoking program is designed to help people on their journey toward smoke-free and healthier living. Registration is required by calling 301-552-5178 or going to [DCHweb.org/prevention](http://DCHweb.org/prevention).

## Polish Music Featured at UMD

The Faculty Artist Series presents the Left Bank Quartet, Polish Revival From Beyond the Border on Sunday, March 31 at 3 p.m. in Gildenhorn Recital Hall of The Clarice.

The Left Bank Quartet presents a free Polish Revival featuring musical works by two powerful 20th century voices from Poland and, curiously, a sublime late work of Beethoven.



*PRELIMINARY AGENDA*  
**GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Thursday April 4, 2019**  
**GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

**A. GHI Special Open Session Meeting – begins at 7.00 p.m.**

- Approve Motion to hold an Executive Session Meeting on April 4, 2019

**B. GHI Executive Session – begins after the GHI Special Open Session Meeting adjourns**


- Approve minutes of Executive Session meeting held on March 7, 2019
- Consider the terms and conditions of the following contracts in the negotiation stage:
  - 2019 Contract for Frame Crawspace Electrical Improvements – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading
  - 2019 Contract for Roof Replacements for Frame Buildings – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading
  - Contract for Phase 2 Frame Crawl Space Improvements – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading
- Member financial matters
- Member complaint matters
- A business transaction in the negotiation stage

**C. GDC Open Session Meeting – begins at 7.45 p.m.**

- Approve Minutes of Open Session Meeting Held on January 3, 2019
- Approve Minutes of Open Session Meeting Held on January 17, 2019

**D. GHI Open Session Meeting – begins after GDC Open Session Meeting adjourns**

- Approve Minutes of the Special Open Session Meeting Held on March 7, 2019
- Approve Minutes of the Regular Open Session Meeting Held on March 7, 2019
- Water and Sewer Pipe Replacement Task Force Report: August 1 to December 31, 2018
- GHI Buildings Committee Semi-Annual Report: August 1 to December 31, 2018
- GHI Storm Water Management Task Force Semi-Annual Report: August 1 to December 31, 2018
- Proposed Installation of an Underground Electric Line to Rental Garage #7, 13-C Ridge Road
- Request to Install a Full-view Glass Entry Door at 2-S Gardenway
- Request to Install a Full-view Glass Entry Door at 2-A Crescent Rd.
- Proposed Replacement Fence at 7 Woodland Way
- Dissolution of Yard Solutions Task Force



To request a sign language interpreter for a board meeting, go to <http://www.ghi.coop/content/interpreter-request-form>, or go to the GHI Office (One Hamilton Place) or contact us by phone (301-474-4161) or fax (301-474-4006).

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(Primary Care, Family Medicine and Endocrinology)  
6502 Kenilworth Avenue, Suite 100  
Riverdale, Maryland 20737  
301-927-0088

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A Review

# Psmith: Plotters and Poets Take to the MAD Stage

by Melissa Sites

Leave it to Psmith, the MAD Music and Drama Club 2019 spring show, is a fast-paced comedy set in the easy-breezy 1920s Britain of P.G. Wodehouse, a writer most famous for his stories about the air-headed toff Bertie Wooster and his genius butler Jeeves. This play is a reworked version of Wodehouse’s 1923 novel, written by Ian Hay along with the novelist himself.

The play, in three acts, follows the adventures of two main characters: Freddie, the cash-deprived youngest son of a wealthy family, and Psmith, a benign and clever schemer whom Freddie hires to solve his money woes. Freddie is heir to 5,000 pounds, which he needs because his prospective father-in-law won’t let him marry his girlfriend Phyllis unless he buys into the family jam factory. Psmith and Freddie work through a convoluted plot involving the theft of a fantastic diamond necklace, just inherited by Freddie’s step-mother Lady Middlewick – who happens to be in control of Freddie’s inheritance.

Director Jon Gardner has brought together a talented cast of 18, putting just the right actors into each role, and encouraging them to have fun while presenting a relaxed and entertaining show. As Freddie, James Olsen is free-wheeling and active, moving gracefully through the world of Blandings Castle while delivering his wordy speeches with ease and eloquence. MAD veteran Randy Barth brings confidence and aplomb to the role of Psmith, as he devises ever-evolving plans for Freddie while attempting to catch the eye of the intelligent librarian, Eve Halliday, played with charm and magnetism by Millie Tansill.

Poets and thieves thicken the plot with rollicking humor. An American poet, Ralston McTodd, is brought to life with great gusto by George Tansill, while Sarah Nechamen delivers dreamy raptures about fairies as poet Aileen Peavey. Lady Middlewick (Courtney Ritz) is overjoyed by the prospect of hearing McTodd’s poem Mud, while Psmith can’t get past the absurdity of the very first line, “across the pale parabola of joy.” All this uproar offends the sense of order of officious and suspicious house secretary Baxter, skillfully played by Jim Pasquale.

The producers (Susan Breon, Alethia Young and Eliot Malumuth) not only emerged triumphant from the government shutdown that loomed over preparations for the show, but also overcame the challenges of the Rec Center by reconfiguring the stage along the length of the room. The set, which represented the drawing room and balcony at Blandings Castle, was ingeniously transformed into an Underground station, a London club (presided over by cheeky and sardonic hat check girl, Suzanne Smith) and a cottage with an impressive fireplace. Costumes were beautifully designed to convey the glamorous life of the 1920s among the privileged class at Blandings Castle.

The cabaret, beginning a little after 7 p.m., sets a classy, jazzy mood for the evening, with ac-



Randy Barth stars as Psmith and Millie Tansill plays Eve Halliday in Leave It to Psmith.

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James Olsen and Hope Shapiro play the young couple, Freddie and Phyllis.

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Poetess Aileen Peavey and conman Eddie Cootes are played by Sarah Nechamen and Dave Buckingham.

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complished musicians performing beloved songs from the 1920s, including Bye Bye Blackbird, Tea for Two and S’Wonderful – a Gershwin hit that incorporates the same fun 1920s slang Wodehouse used in his writings.

The play is presented with two intermissions, with light refreshments available for donation. Leave it to Psmith runs through April 6 at the Barney & Bea Recreation Center, NASA Goddard. For tickets and more information, visit madtheater.org.



# Greenbelt Unites with First Neighborhood HUG Walk

by Robert Goldberg-Strassler

Residents of Greenbelt are invited to join the first HUG Walk (Help Unite Greenbelt) this Sunday, March 31 (rain date on April 7).

People of all ages, backgrounds, abilities, ethnicities, beliefs and faiths will walk together in a public demonstration of unity and community strength. There is no cost to be a part of the HUG Walk except the energy and spirit of each individual joining in with their neighbors from across the city.

The HUG Walk will begin in Greenbelt Station. Parking will be made available by Beltway Plaza in the lot next to the Shell station on Cherrywood Lane. The walk will wind past Franklin Park, Buddy Attick Lake Park, the Roosevelt Center, Greenbriar and Windsor Green. Participants may join along the way until the walk concludes at Schrom Hills Park across from Hunting Ridge.

The HUG Walk was conceived as an antidote to the ongoing divisiveness experienced in the country. RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness) is organizing the walk. Co-sponsors, which can be seen listed in a separate ad in this week’s News Review, come from many community organizations and the city council.

All Greenbelters are invited to participate in the HUG Walk in whatever way they choose. Join as a walker or cheer on your neighbors as they walk through your neighborhood. Show your city pride by wearing Greenbelt apparel such as a Greenbelt is Great shirt, a Greenbelt sports team uniform or other item.

Non-perishable food items can be dropped off at each join-in location for the Greenbelt Food Pantry. The Greenbelt Connection will provide shuttle service from each of the join-in locations as needed. Police officers will assist in street crossings.

Middle school and high school students can earn community service hours by helping. If interested in volunteering, contact spreadruak@gmail.com.

Following the walk, participants are encouraged to share their experiences, pictures and stories with the News Review or spreadruak@gmail.com.

## HUG Walk schedule

1 p.m. - Gather at the Indian Creek Trail Bridge across from the Shell Station on Cherrywood Lane.

1:30 p.m. - Walk begins.

2 p.m. - Join in at Springhill Lake Recreation Center, write inspirational messages of kindness in sidewalk chalk with Shaymar Higgs of The SPACE.

2:30 p.m. - Join in at Buddy Attick Park parking lot.

3 p.m. - Join in at Roosevelt Center.

3:30 p.m. - Join in at Greenbriar Community Center.

4 p.m. - Join in at Windsor Green Community Center.

4:30 p.m. - Celebrate the HUG Walk’s finish at Schrom Hills Park.

Robert Goldberg-Strassler is the founder of RUAK and the Prime Mover of the HUG Walk.



## Pinsky Scholarship Deadline Is April 1

The District 22 application for the Maryland Senatorial Scholarship Program is available online at senatorpinsky.org. The scholarship provides financial aid to degree-seeking undergraduate and graduate students. The scholarship application must be completed and submitted online no later than April 1. The selection of recipients is made on a number of criteria, including academic achievement, financial need and commitment to higher education. A committee made up of citizens from across District 22 determines the final selection of recipients in the spring. If any parents or students have questions regarding the awards process, call Senator Paul Pinsky’s office at 301-858-3155.

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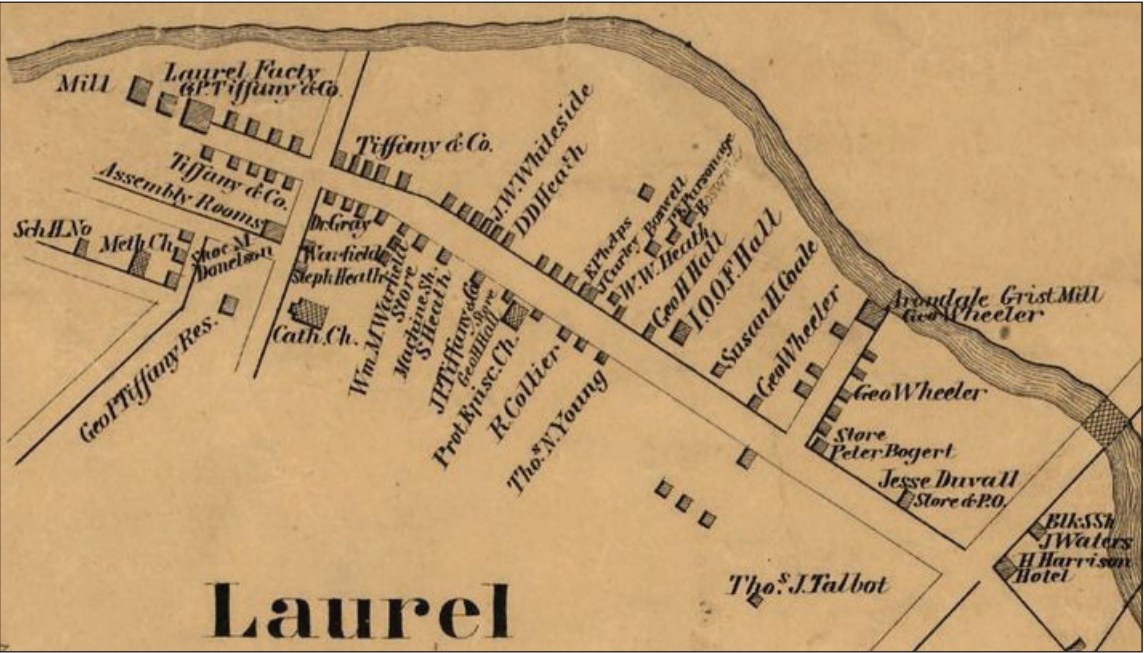
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# 1861 Martenet Map Provides Detail for Six County Towns

by James Giese



This is the Laurel insert of the 1861 Martenet map. Extending north-west from the Baltimore-Washington Turnpike (lower right) was Laurel’s Main Street. It ended at the mill and factories of the Tiffany Company. Many of the factory workers lived in 50 two-story stone and brick tenement style houses along Main Street owned by the company. A block off Main Street was the Tiffany residence, now the site of St. Vincent Pallotti High School.

This is the fourth of a series of five articles about historic roads in the Greenbelt area. The primary sources for information for these articles are internet accessible maps at the Library of Congress website: a circa 1861 map, Martenet’s Map of Prince George’s County by Simon J. Martenet, C.E., [loc.gov/resource/g3843p.la000302/](http://loc.gov/resource/g3843p.la000302/); and county and Vansville District maps found in an 1878 Atlas of Prince George’s County and also in an 1879 Atlas of fifteen miles around Washington, including the county of Montgomery, Maryland, both by G. M. Hopkins, C.E., [loc.gov/resource/g3850m.gci00186/?st=gallery](http://loc.gov/resource/g3850m.gci00186/?st=gallery).)

### Inserts

The 1861 Martenet’s Map of Prince George’s County had inserts for six towns. Detailed street plans were provided for Bladensburg, Laurel, Upper Marlboro, Piscataway, Woodville (now Aquasco) and Nottingham. All but Laurel were port towns where steamboats could dock to unload supplies and pick up tobacco and other crops. When the rivers silted in and steamboats could no longer reach the river communities of Piscataway, Woodville and Nottingham, they lost their importance. Upper Marlboro never was a large town but survived as the county seat of government. The turnpike enabled Bladensburg to switch from river boat trade to commerce between Baltimore and Washington.

### Bladensburg

At the west end of Bladensburg, the insert map shows a Y intersection that is now the Peace Cross intersection. The road heading southwest was the road to the City of Washington, Bladensburg Road. Water Street (now Baltimore Boulevard) went to the north and became the Washington Baltimore Turnpike (now Alt. US-1). Market Street went to the east and connected to other road segments that became Annapolis Road (Md. 450) and Landover Road (Md. 202). On the insert map Market Street is shown to the east only to its intersection with North Street, which we know as Edmonston Road.

South of the intersection Bladensburg Road crossed the Anacostia River on a bridge. The Battle of Bladensburg mostly took place in 1816 at that bridge and on the Washington side. The British Army had come by boat up the Patuxent River and landed near Upper Marlboro, capturing the town. The army then proceeded on a road that followed the Anacostia River north to Bladensburg, so that they would be able to wade across, if necessary. The army did not attempt to cross the river on bridges nearer Washington city, fearing those bridges would be destroyed (They weren’t).

At the river crossing and on Bladensburg Road, the army encountered a hastily put together group of Americans consisting of a few military units and local militia. Upon defeating that poorly organized army, the British marched on to capture Washington, burning the Capitol and White House, thereby getting even for an 1813 capture and burning of Toronto by U.S. forces.

After the raid, the Brits returned to Bladensburg and took the series of road segments that is now Landover-Marlboro Road back to Upper Marlboro and their ships. The British then sailed up the Chesapeake Bay and unsuccessfully attacked Baltimore. And we got the Star-Spangled Banner as our National Anthem.

The Bladensburg map insert identifies the locations of the Episcopal church and school, Dr. Magruder’s Office, the firm of Hill and Duckett, B.T. Duckett’s store and post office, the Hopkins and Company store and a blacksmith shop on Market Street. Along Water Street were the Wallace store, the Methodist Church, Dr. Keitch, J. S. Suit tavern, F Gash cabinet, a shoemaker, Spa Spring and Misses Keitch and Lyons Female Academy. On the Washington side of the Anacostia was a toll gate for the bridge and a mill.

The B&O Railroad Washington Branch went to the west of Bladensburg. In 1878, the B&O Point Lookout Branch crossed Market Street just east of Water Street.

### Laurel

Although unnamed, the 1861 map insert shows Laurel’s Main Street from the railroad depot west and up the hill to a mill on the Patuxent River, the Laurel Factory and Tiffany and Company. Tiffany owned most of the west end of the street, including workers’ houses along both sides. The mill site is now the Laurel Municipal Pool and the Laurel Historical Society is in one of the worker houses.

A short block south of Main Street on Assembly Street was the George P. Tiffany residence, situated on a large parcel of land. Across the street on one side was St. Mary of the Mill Catholic Church, dating to 1843. On the other side, across what is now Ninth Street, were a Methodist church and a school house. The Tiffany house site is now St. Vincent Pallotti High School.

According to the Wikipedia article on the Laurel Factory and the history provided on the City of Laurel website, the mill was built in 1824 by Nicholas Snowden, heir to Richard Snowden who had received the original land grant. The mill was used to power cotton manufacture and as a saw mill. One factory made woolen hats and another, blankets. There were over 100 employees.

In 1835, Snowden’s son-in-law, Horace Capron, partnered with Tiffany and Company to operate a factory employing 500 persons. When Capron went bankrupt, Tiffany acquired the property.

The mill and factory had a checkered existence and the mill burned to the ground in 1855. Although quickly rebuilt, the mill did not operate during the Civil War.

The map shows a grist mill (to grind grain into flour) downstream on a side street to Main nearer the Turnpike. Laurel also had three stores, one with a post office, a hotel, a blacksmith shop and an International Order of Odd Fellows hall.



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All items are distributed year round at scheduled home visits and are a mixture of slightly used donations and brand-new items.

Registration is open to Greenbelt residents who live within the city limits. Applying for a place in the workshops can be done by email or in person. The current workshop is full. Registration for the new year-round program can be done in person or by phone. Farzin is the main contact person at 240-542-2019 or email [kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov).

GAIL is partnered with several organizations in this effort. Student nurses from Bowie State University and Washington Adventist University provide basic pediatric health assessments, baby milestone reviews, resource referral and linkage and tailored infant and toddler health education. A recently approved grant from the Greater D.C. Diaper Bank and Baby’s Bounty supports the child mobility and furniture items.

The current parenting workshop covers many aspects of childhood development, nutrition education, lactation, baby milestones, immunizations and baby safety and resources. It will be presented in English at the Municipal Building and Spanish at Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

The Nursery Project serves a racially, ethnically and economi-

cally diverse population: most participants are employed at least part time and 95 percent are single parents. Twenty-five people annually require bilingual case management. Four special populations are served: teens, refugees, domestic abuse survivors and single mothers. Undocumented immigrants are also served.

In addition to a new and more succinct project name, “the biggest change is the availability of baby items to parents, as well as plans for future workshops and health fairs,” said Farzin. Bowie State University and Washington Adventist University will develop any new workshops.

The Greenbelt Nursery Program is an extension of GAIL’s mandate to address underserved residents, vulnerable families and undocumented immigrants in the community by providing pediatric wellness programming, community health programming and its most recent addition, a bilingual community outreach coordinator.

With the Nursery Project, Farzin stated that “our comprehensive approach involves parents and community members who are interested in the health and well-being of infants and toddlers. We look forward to seeing new and expectant Greenbelters join our year-round program and future workshops.”

### MilkBoy Presents The (un)choir

On Thursday, April 4 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the MilkBoy ArtHouse in College Park, the (un)choir will meet and sing.

Enjoy a new kind of choral experience, learning a part and singing a song in harmony, all in one fun evening. The (un)choir turns the tables on traditional choir. No auditions, no rehearsals, no long-term commitment. Just show up and sing a song. Get a lyric sheet to a well-known song. Allison Hughes, music director for College Chorale, will teach two- or three-part harmony. To cap the evening off, sing out with a choir of new friends. The event is free and all are welcome.

### Icons and Inspirations Program at Gallaudet

Sunshine 2.0, a traveling theatrical troupe from Rochester Institute of Technology, performs Friday, March 29 at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, March 30 at 7:30 p.m. at Gallaudet University. Sunshine 2.0’s performances involve the use of movement, juggling, magic and other physical elements to entertain and educate audiences about the deaf experience. All performances are presented in sign language and spoken English to provide full audience access. There is no charge and performances are suitable for all ages. For more information, contact Vienna McGrain at 585-475-4952 or Vienna.Carvalho@rit.edu.

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# Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, [www.greenbeltmd.gov/police](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police)  
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

### Carjacking

March 20, 3:05 p.m., 6600 block Village Park Drive. Four men on foot, one armed with a handgun, approached three people in a vehicle at the main entrance to Greenbelt Lake Village and ordered them out of the car. They ran and the men left in the people's car, described as a silver 4-door 2004 Honda Accord. Each man is described as black, one 5 feet 10 inches tall, 200 pounds, wearing an orange, green and blue striped shirt; a second 5 feet 9 inches tall, 160 pounds, wearing a black Helly Hanson jacket; and the last two each 5 feet 7 inches tall, weighing 160 pounds. All four are estimated to be between 17 and 20 years of age. The vehicle was recovered abandoned the next day in 12 Court Ridge Road.

### Assault

March 14, 11:27 a.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. An employee at Dollar Tree was engaged in a verbal confrontation with a customer which became physical. The customer tried to choke the employee and then fled. The employee was not injured. The customer is described as an elderly black woman wearing a black shirt, black sweater, pink scarf and black sunglasses.

March 15, 9:18 a.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane. A woman walking to a vehicle on March 12 observed a man standing nearby. She yelled at him for unspecified reasons, at which time he punched her in the face and fled on foot. The woman was a transported to Doctors Community Hospital for treatment of facial cuts.

### Theft

March 15, 7:18 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. An unattended cell phone was taken at Super Beauty.

### Multiple Charges

March 15, 2:05 p.m., 6100 block Greenbelt Road. A 40-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia, theft, false identity

and second degree assault during the investigation of a suspected shoplifter at Target. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

### Burglary

March 14, 10:40 a.m., 8100 block Miner Street. Building materials were taken from two homes under construction.

March 18, 7 p.m., 38 Crescent Road. Money was taken from a residence. There was no sign of forced entry.

### Vandalism

March 17, 1 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. The balcony railing of an apartment residence was vandalized.

### Vehicle Crime

A 14-year-old resident youth was arrested for attempted theft. A man walking to his vehicle in the upper parking lot at Beltway Plaza observed two youths inside his vehicle, attempting to steal property. The man was able to detain one of them, who was released to a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System. The second youth fled.

Two Greenbelt youths, 13- and 14-years old, were arrested for malicious destruction after they were observed by an officer rolling a large truck tire down a hill in the 6000 block Springhill Drive into a parked vehicle. Both juveniles were released to a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

A wallet was taken from a possibly unlocked vehicle in the 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A front tag was taken from the 200 block Lakeside Drive.

Two thefts occurred after windows were broken to gain access. In the 6200 block Breezewood Drive a cell phone was taken and in the 5800 block Cherrywood Lane, stereo equipment.

A window was broken out in the 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. It is not known at this time if anything was taken. A windshield was broken in the 7700 block Cloister Place.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter.

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People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 240-542-2145.

# Girl Scout Cookies



On March 20, Girl Scout Troop 23010 gives cookies to the public works department, represented by Kim DeAngelis. The troop thanks Public Works for keeping the city clean and green. Girl scouts, from left: Emerson Goddard, Angelina White, Lorelai Jenkins, Maren and Camile O’Roark and Maeve Waters with troop leaders Piri Jenkins and Jessica O’Roark.



Camille O’Roark and Lorelai Jenkins bring cookies to Public Works.

- Photos by  
Devin Williams



## UMD Henson Award Winners Perform

The free Henson Awards Showcase will take place on Wednesday, April 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cofritz Foundation Theatre of The Clarice.

The talented student recipients of the Jim Henson Fund for Puppetry will perform/present their funded projects. This year’s student presenters are Kristen Ahern (MFA Design candidate), Olivia Brann (MS candidate), Chris Brusberg (MFA Design candidate) and Stacey Carlson (MFS Dance candidate).

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March 31

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planning staff met with the county to discuss the concerns. She said city staff explained that without these conditions, especially of housing type and number being observed, the city has strong concerns about the lack of proposed public benefit in Phase 1, including the streetscape improvements along Greenbelt Road, Cherrywood Lane and Breezewood Drive.

At the meeting, Greenbelt’s planning staff also explained to the county planning board that without any conditions about housing types there was concern that diverse housing types would not be included in the redevelopment.

As a result of this planning meeting between city and county, county technical staff agreed to amend their report to address these concerns in the findings section of the report rather than in the conceptual site plan itself. Councilmember Judith Davis expressed concern that the city take care not to lose its leverage to influence the development when the actual site planning process begins. Jordan asked if other affected parties, such as Berwyn Heights, had weighed in on the proposal. Matthew Tedesco, an attorney working on behalf of the Beltway Plaza project team, said that the proposal had been presented to the Berwyn Heights council but they had not expressed an opinion.

Beltway Plaza’s owner, Quantum Company, has agreed to council’s revised conditions and reiterated its willingness to ex-

ecute a binding agreement that any future development will be required to meet the city’s conditions. Arrangements were made to draft and sign the agreement within the week.

Porter said in a memo to council that Greenbelt city staff’s bottom line is the recognition that the redevelopment of Beltway Plaza “offers a great opportunity for Greenbelt West and the City of Greenbelt and believes the revised conditions with the applicant’s (Quantum/Beltway Plaza) agreement to execute a binding agreement provides a strong framework for supporting the high quality mixed use redevelopment of Beltway Plaza that was envisioned by the Sector Plan and further reinforced by the Urban Land Institute – Technical Assistance Panel (ULI-TAP) study” (see January 17 News Review for details of the study).

Genealogical Society Meets April 3

Prince George’s County Genealogical Society will meet on Wednesday, April 3 at 7 p.m. at 6016 Princess Garden Parkway, New Carrollton. The speaker this month is Margaret McMahon who will talk about Fold3 – Discover Your Family’s Military Records. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. and is free and open to the public; free parking is available.



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and zero. The outcome depends not only on the strength of the Co-op’s case – but on the range and appeal of the competition’s gambits. The Co-op is confident that it has made an excellent case but there are no guarantees. In the event the Co-op doesn’t get the full amount requested, the funds to cover the gap must be raised. Because pledges are being taken at this time rather than cash on the barrelhead, the Co-op has elected to continue to take pledges which may or may not eventually be realized. The Co-op hopes that those who have not yet heeded the call will respond with donations and investment pledges. Of course, though it may not need all investments, the Co-op will very cheerfully request the fulfillment of all donations. Every donation assists the Co-op to fulfill the investments and use array savings from the solar roof to build a reserve for capital expenditures in the store.

**Project Costs**

Another factor keeping the appeal in full swing is that although the project cost is in better focus, it is not yet finalized. And even when the contract is signed, there’s still the possibility that currently invisible problems will surface. Rare is the construction project without surprises. The steering committee, represented by Project Manager Steve Skolnik, is working on selecting contractors from among several bids received on each component of the system. Though choices have already been narrowed down to some extent, Skolnik is working

with a consultant structural engineering firm to ensure that the remaining contenders properly address all the aspects of project installation and code compliance. The Co-op wants as few surprises as possible.

**Savings and Finance**

In the past several days, the steering committee has been focusing on refining its estimates of the savings resulting from the array. It is clear that the electricity savings are a significant fraction, perhaps 60 percent, of the total savings. But other savings accrue from the improved roof insulation, the shading of the roof during hot summer days by the array, the reduction in maintenance costs and the acquisition of solar renewable energy credits (which may become a more important factor if a bill now in the legislature should pass and require a higher fraction of renewable energy generation from power companies).

Based on these savings, the steering committee has determined (with Jones ensuring that mathematical righteousness prevailed) that a wide range of combinations of bond bill funding levels and project cost can be afforded within the range provided by current fundraising, but that the worst-case scenarios (very small bond bill funding, higher than expected project costs) will require additional resources. These will include additional pledges and may also require additional proposals to a variety of potential funding sources offering low interest loans. The Co-op is

getting prepared to continue its full court press to get this done.

Hence the Co-op’s decision to keep the doors open for pledges from the community.

Information on donation and investment options is available on the Co-op’s website and there are forms and contact information available there as well as phone numbers for information. Go to solar.greenbelt.coop. The Co-op points out that investment options offered are not guaranteed.

*Cathie Meetre is a News Review reporter. She also is a volunteer assisting the Co-op with various administrative and organizational tasks.*

Refuge North Tract Offers Bike Ride

On Sunday, March 31 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. the Patuxent Refuge North Tract offers a bicycle ride for those aged 10 or older. Enjoy a spring ride while experiencing the beauty of this natural area’s local wildlife, plants and historical sites. Learn the importance of reducing footprints and leaving no trace on this 12-mile guided bicycle ride. Bring a bike, snack, water bottle and helmet. The ride is weather dependent. Public programs at the Patuxent Research Refuge are free although advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887. The North Tract is located on Route 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 32. For more information visit fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent.



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7 Commander’s Café Broiled Scallops Or Petite N.Y. Strip Steak	EASTER BUFFET Sunday, April 21 <sup>st</sup> 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM  Roasted Leg of Lamb, Glazed Pit Ham, Deep Fried Chicken, Rosemary Potatoes, Fresh Green Beans, Buttered Carrots, Buttered Sweet Corn, Pasta Salad, Salad Bar & Soup  FEATURING ASSORTED DESSERTS \$16.95 - Adults \$7.95 - Children (11 & Under) Children (4 and Under - NO charge)    Reservations for 5 or more accepted, contact the Manager at (301) 345-0136 ext. 1		10 Lunch: Rueben Sandwich Dinner: Meatloaf Platter	11 Lunch: Steak & Cheese Sub  Rib Nite	12 Lunch: Steamed Shrimp Dinner: Broiled Jumbo Lump Crab Cake	13  Lamb Chops
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# Girls' Community Robotics Team Wins Rookie Award

by Vijayanand Kowtha

Greenbelt has had strong robotics programs over the past 20 years with teams from Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) winning the First Robotics Competition locally and winning the National Championship in the 2001-2002 school year. Though the robotics program at ERHS is active now, during those earlier years there was a decline in interest and participation that led to the formation of Illusion and Bladerunners as Greenbelt community teams. Illusion is now at Chesapeake Math and Information Technology (CMIT) charter school in Laurel.

The girls team, Bladerunners Team 6893, won the 2018 Rookie All Star award. Members are from Greenbelt area middle schools. The team meets at the Wagner gym in the Lancaster Bible College campus on Good Luck Road, weekdays from 4 to 9 p.m. Bladerunners Team 6893 named their robot Nancy, after the NASA radioastronomer, Nancy Grace Roman, who was an early designer of the Hubble Space Telescope. The square robot Nancy autonomously puts spheres in the cargo bay of a "space ship" and can place hatch-

es consistently. Offering help and guidance to Bladerunners, Mentors Advancing STEM Education and Research (MASER) is a group of undergraduate and graduate students dedicated to working on complex science and engineering research projects. MASER gives students the opportunity to engage in research projects for academic research credit and facilitates the publication of research results. MASER students mentor high school students in STEM areas and facilitate STEM-related outreach in the Washington metropolitan region. MASER students interact with, and are mentored by, members of prestigious scientific societies such as the Washington Academy of Sciences, Sigma Xi and IEEE. This is the only program in the area dedicated to helping college students learn crucial technical skills in STEM in addition to training them in



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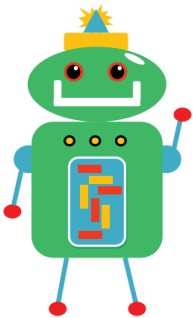
Nancy the robot, designed by middle schoolers, is part of a community robotics team called Bladerunners, and driven by a Magnolia 6th grader. Nancy can pick up balls and put hatches on a space ship autonomously in a Mars sandstorm.

public speaking, formal presentation, teamwork and critical thinking. The goal is to encourage students to pursue careers in STEM fields, with computer engineering as the backbone. MASER senior mentors come from interdisciplinary backgrounds in science, engineering and the arts, and facilitate student projects which have, thus far, principally focused on designing, building and operating artificially intelligent systems. A monthly science café is held to bring in speakers who have covered topics such as "applying industrial and systems engineering." Interested MASER students mentor the Bladerunners FIRST robotics team. They hope to increase participation in the Anacostia Autonomy Robotics Technology and Sciences program that will showcase robotics

autonomy at the D.C. Convention Center in October.

Bladerunners is planning to conduct a daily summer camp during which members of other D.C. teams can build and troubleshoot their robots in Greenbelt and compete at offseason events during the fall.

*Vijayanand Kowtha is the founder and coach of Bladerunners.*



## After-school Art Adventures



PHOTO BY AMANDA LARSEN

After-school Art Adventures students lead their parents in a landscape painting lesson for the final class of the session. The classes are provided by Greenbelt Recreation at Greenbelt Elementary School.

## Seniors Ice Cream Social



Seniors move to the music at the Ice Cream Social on March 22 in the Community Center.



The Retro Rockets perform at the city Ice Cream Social.



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Street Maintenance/Special Details installed a canine unit dog kennel for the police department.

Refuse/Recycling collected 29.34 tons of refuse and 12 tons of recyclable material. During Saturday’s volunteer clean-up, 1,072 pounds of trash were removed from the Sunrise Tract of the Forest Preserve.

Arts staff hosted a special pottery workshop for Girl Scout Cadettes. On April 7, Artful Afternoon will include a wooden marionette workshop with Artist-in-residence Larry Anderson, a traditional Turkish shadow puppet show and several other activities and workshops.

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# Chalk Drawings Celebrate Holidays, Cultural Tradition

by Amy Hansen

Vijay Parameshwaran stands in front of an apartment building on Crescent Road and looks at his index card. The card holds his sketches, the sidewalk is his canvas.

It is March 20, the first day of spring. At 5:30 p.m., the natural light will last another hour or so. But Parameshwaran isn't in a hurry. There's a porch light to work by and besides, this is a night for relaxation.

In fact, this is a night for rangoli, the traditional Indian art of decorating the floor in vibrant colors and shapes. Rangoli can be made with many mediums: colored sand, flower petals and colored rice are common. Parameshwaran chooses chalk.

Tonight's drawing is a celebration of Holi, the Hindu holiday of spring. In many parts of India and Nepal, celebrants welcome Holi by throwing colorful powder and water at each other. It's a rollicking, hue-filled festival.

Parameshwaran's drawing starts with two large syringes, "sort of like super-soakers," he explains. He sits now, stretching over the drawing as he blocks out his design in white.

He draws white blobs – not quite circles – above the tip of the syringes. But then he stands up, looks at his outline and takes some colored chalk. He sits down again. He fills a blob with red and suddenly it's clear that the blob is colored water coming from the syringe. Then he stands up and checks his work and grabs the blue. He sits again.

Chalk drawing is an aerobic sport.

Parameshwaran lives in Greenbelt and works as a scientist at the Army Research Laboratory in Adelphi. Drawing, he says, is a way for him to unwind. It is creative, takes him away from the computer and is part of his Hindu tradition. Specifically, chalk decoration happens during Diwali, the festival of lights. Diwali is one of the biggest Hindu holidays of the year and takes place in October.

"During Diwali, every single front porch has a pattern," he says. "My mother used to do the drawing in our house. I want to keep the tradition alive."

Parameshwaran has created chalk art in Greenbelt since fall 2016. After he finished the first one, someone took a picture of his work and posted it on Greenbelters Facebook page.

"The response," he says, "was delightful."

Since then he started posting his own pictures and expanded from drawing for Hindu holidays to other holidays celebrated



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

Vijay Parameshwaran celebrates Holi with chalk drawings.



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PHOTO BY VIJAY PARAMESHWARAN

by his neighbors. He draws for Ramadan. He chalks for Hanukkah. He sketches for solstice. He colors for Christmas. Or at least he does if he has a clear, dry sidewalk to work on.

And if it rains?

"It's going to rain tonight," he acknowledges. "That doesn't matter to me as long as I get to do it, take a few pictures and share it. Rangoli design is not meant to be permanent. It is just for the holiday."

By 7:45 p.m., Parameshwaran is finished. His happy Holi note is bright and crisp, showing the holiday's moment before the chaos. Not only are there drops of water emerging from the syringe, but also neat bowls of the tinted

powders thrown in the holiday's color free-for-all.

Parameshwaran takes pictures. At midnight the rain starts. At 6 a.m. the rain is hard. By the start of the workday on Thursday morning, his slate is wiped clean, ready for the next holiday.



## Spring Arrives in Greenbelt



Daffodils are a welcome sign of spring.



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Spring finally arrives in Greenbelt.

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